

blades, string and gloves—personal hygiene kits—sanitary napkins, soap, laundry detergent, dental supplies—reestablish maternal health services, prevent and treat cases of violence against women and youth, offer psychological support and counseling, and promote access of unaccompanied women to vital services. Each of these issues is a serious problem in the region and will go a long way toward helping save the lives of thousands of women and their children.

These people have suffered enough. We must do everything we can to help them. This is why I ask support from my colleagues for the Women, Children, and Infant Tsunami Victim Relief Act of 2005.

#### HONORING JACKIE ROBINSON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

#### HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2005*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate April 15—no, not Tax Day—but that memorable day in 1947 when Jackie Robinson officially broke the color barrier of Major League Baseball by donning a Brooklyn Dodgers uniform.

In the face of great adversity and knowing that the hopes of African-American athletes in all sports rested on his shoulders, Jackie Robinson provided inspiration to all of America in his courageous pursuit of racial equality.

By simply putting on his spikes, wearing his Dodgers uniform, and taking the field on that great day, Jackie Robinson forever changed the landscape of the American sports scene; indeed, he fueled a change in the hearts and minds of our great Nation.

Jackie Robinson stared bitter opposition and oppressive racism in the face, all while achieving unparalleled success. He was named the National League Rookie of the Year in 1947 and earned National League Most Valuable Player honors in 1949. In 1962, Jackie became the first African-American to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Known for his gifted batting, blinding speed around the bases, and strong but steady temperament, Jackie Robinson won the respect of teammates and opponents alike. He led the Dodgers to six pennants and their first World Championship as a member of the famed "Boys of Summer" in 1955.

Although he played in New York, Jackie Robinson was actually a southern California local. He grew up in Pasadena, CA, and was a star athlete while attending the University of California at Los Angeles. Jackie's long-standing commitment to Dodgers heritage and his strong Southern California roots make us proud and endear him to Dodgers fans from Brooklyn to Los Angeles and everywhere in between.

Jackie Robinson's sacrifice on and off the field has had a lasting impact on our nation. An athlete, businessman, and civic leader, Jackie helped blaze a trail for the civil rights movement in the years after his career as a player had ended. He conquered countless

steep barriers with faith, dignity and grace, and he stands as a noble symbol of change in creating a more just American society for all.

Jackie Robinson's spirit is still with us today. Jackie's life and principles are the basis for the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which keeps his memory alive by providing children of low-income families with leadership and educational opportunities. Perhaps Jackie Robinson himself said it best: "A life is not important, except in the impact it has on other lives."

To honor Jackie for his countless and valuable contributions, Major League Baseball declared in 2003 that on April 15 each year, all Major League clubs will recognize this remarkable athlete and man. That same year my colleagues and I passed legislation honoring Jackie Robinson with a National Day of Recognition and awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by Congress. Almost 58 years after Jackie Robinson trotted out to first base in a Brooklyn Dodgers uniform, the President today will present the Congressional Gold Medal to Jackie's wife Rachel, daughter Sharon and son David, along with other members of the Robinson family.

I can think of no better tribute than to proclaim April 15 "Jackie Robinson Day." Jackie's contributions and sacrifices not only changed a sport, but touched a nation. No athlete may have had a greater long-term impact on his sport or society than Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride and honor to ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Mr. Jackie Robinson as the recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal and as a great American most deserving of his National Day of Recognition. Jackie Robinson's contributions have truly helped to make America "one nation."

#### RECOGNIZING ROBERT HARRISON GLAZE

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2005*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert (Bob) Harrison Glaze. Bob Glaze served honorably on the City Council of San Leandro, California from 1984 to 2004. He was the youngest Vice Mayor in the city's history.

Bob Glaze was born in Oakland, California, and moved to San Leandro in 1963. He is a graduate of Chabot College and Marina High School, where he served as Athletic Commissioner and Curriculum Council member.

Alameda County and the San Leandro community have benefited from Bob's activism and commitment to make a positive difference. During his tenure on the San Leandro City Council, he served on a variety of Council Committees, including Finance, the Cherry Festival, Quality of Life, School Liaison, Revenue Sharing, Long Range Fire Planning, School Safety, Technology and Policy.

Bob is an Alameda County Fire Commissioner and an alternate member of the Ala-

meda County Transportation Committee, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, Association of Bay Area Governments and the Congestion Management Authority. He is a member of the governing board of the Associated Community Action Program and the Alameda County Training and Employment Program.

His community service extends far and wide. He continues to be active in all areas of Scouting, serving as Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, District Committee Member, District Finance Chairman, District Chairman as well as Exploring North Commissioner. He was 1993 Scout Jamboree Selection Chairman. Other organizations that have benefited from Bob's leadership include Washington Home Owners Association, Washington Manor Lions' Club, San Leandro Human Resource Commission and the Optimist Club of San Leandro.

Bob Glaze is truly an involved and model citizen. His commitment is exemplary. I join the citizens of San Leandro who will pay tribute to him on his retirement from the City Council and thank him for his countless contributions.

#### TRIBUTE TO WALTER H. SHORENSTEIN

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 2, 2005*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished American, Walter H. Shorenstein, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Walter H. Shorenstein served our nation as a Major in the United States Air Force. He is an extraordinary American who has made enormous contributions to our communities and our country. He began his career in real estate in 1946 and has built the Shorenstein Company into one of the largest and most highly respected real estate firms in the nation.

Walter Shorenstein has been a valued advisor to Presidents, a generous philanthropist, a noted lecturer and an ardent supporter of education. His numerous sponsorships, board memberships and honors reflect his dedication to art, culture, education, government and philanthropy.

Walter Shorenstein's life has been enriched by his family. His daughter Carole is a producer of Broadway shows, his son, Douglas is President of the Shorenstein Company, and his grandchildren Walter, Gracie, Brandon Jona, Sandra Joan and Daniella are great blessings to him. His lifelong partner in life, Phyllis, died in 1994, and their beloved and brilliant daughter Joan died in 1985.

It is a special privilege for me to honor Walter Shorenstein and to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this good and great American, this outstanding citizen and national treasure. As Mr. Shorenstein celebrates this important milestone, the gratitude and respect of the entire House of Representatives are extended to him.